

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DEPLOYING
CARDIAC ELECTRODES**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cardiac electrode deployment device comprises a support and an electrode structure deployable from the support. The electrode structure includes a planar region and a conformable, raised center region, wherein the electrode surfaces on the planar region and on the center region are electrically isolated from each other. The electrode structure is configured to engage against an outer surface of the heart, such as the pericardium, in order to provide electrical contact with the heart for EKG monitoring of the heart, delivery of pacing energy, and/or other low power applications. Usually, the electrode structure will also be suitable for performing direct cardiac massage.

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